UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

CASE NO. 1:16-CV-147

OPINION & ORDER

[Resolving Doc. 43]

MYSTIC, INC.,

VS.

Plaintiff,

KROY LLC d/b/a BUCKEYE BUSINESS PRODUCTS, INC.,

Defendant/Third Party Plaintiff,

VS.

GENERAL DATA COMPANY, INC.

Third Party Defendant.

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Third-Party Defendant General Data Company, Inc. ("General Data") moves this Court to compel Plaintiff Mystic, Inc. to produce (1) the contact information of the retailers whose chargebacks form the basis of Mystic's claimed damages and (2) the documents underlying Mystic's damages calculation. General Data also seeks its attorneys' fees in filing the motion and sanctions against Mystic that would preclude Mystic from using the undisclosed information on a motion, at a hearing, or at trial.

In response, Mystic says that the requested information has been provided.³ Mystic also states that General Data failed to meet and confer about the discovery dispute.⁴

¹ <u>Doc. 43</u> at 1-2.

 $^{^{2}}$ \overline{Id} . at 4.

³ Doc. 46 at 3.

⁴ *Id.* at 4.

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In its Complaint, Mystic identified six retailers that imposed chargeback penalties.⁵

Mystic has identified the names of two retailers' accounts-payable representatives. 6 With respect

to the remaining four retailers, Mystic has only provided generic e-mail addresses.⁷

The Court finds that representatives from the six retailers that imposed chargebacks are

likely to have discoverable information. The Court **ORDERS** Plaintiff Mystic to produce the

name and contact information of the account representatives from the six chargeback retailers

identified in its Complaint. Mystic shall provide Third-Party Defendant General Data with this

information by September 28, 2016.

In its reply brief, General Data acknowledges that Mystic has "belatedly provided some

documents relating to the chargebacks by its vendors." The Court therefore **DENIES** General

Data's motion to compel production of records concerning damages. The Court also does not

find attorneys' fees or other sanctions warranted for this first delay in discovery.

Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS IN PART and DENIES IN PART** Third-Party

Defendant General Data's motion to compel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 20, 2016

James S. Gwin

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

 5 <u>Doc. 1</u> at 2, 5.

^o <u>Doc. 48</u> at 2.

⁷ *Id.* For example, the Boscov's contact information provided by Mystic was the e-mail address

"accountspayable@boscovs.com."

⁸ See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A)(i).

⁹ Doc. 48 at 5.

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